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R said he was calling about Biafra - unfortunately he is leaving for Paris shortly and will not be here if this is brought up at NSC meeting this week. K said we will reach it on Friday - President indicated today that he wants 20 minutes on it. K asked if R wanted it held over and he said no, it should be handled. R said he thinks President should be involved and informed and have opportunity personally to pass on what is done. R said at his request the thing has been carried one step further, which is to analyze alternatives and come up with what we think is a useful recommendation. R said this is just his recommendation to the Secretary - he does not know whether Secretary will go along with Basically is is somewhere between option kax 1 and 2. R said we should go forward with some alternativextextextextextext xxkoxxxxxxxxxxxx initiative to deal with release problem - should do so with US rep (Relief Coordinator - named anddesignated) without political involvement. HAK said he agrees. HAK said if Secretary is prepared to make this recommendation, it would be very appropriate.

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